

equal-membership-rights constitutional provision and the election of Negro trade-unionists to top offices in the new organization. One hundred thousand copies of this "open letter" were distributed and circulated nationally.

While the main sources of funds of the NNLC were membership dues, contributions from members, and contributions and the sale of literature at meetings and rallies, it did obtain considerable financial support on certain occasions from so-called left-wing trade-unions such as the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UERMWA). \*

In January, 1954, the NNLC was designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450. On September 28, 1955, the Attorney General, under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950, petitioned the Subversive Activities Control Board for an order to require the NNLC to register as a communist front organization. The order was granted and a petition served against the NNLC. A hearing was set for April 30, 1956, for the NNLC to appear before the Subversive Activities Control Board. However, on April 29, 1956, the NNLC voted to dissolve itself.

\*UERMWA was expelled from the CIO in 1949 on the grounds that it was communist dominated.